

Oil Expert Says Drilling Rules 'Too Lenient'

Retired State Biologist Blasts His Former Employers

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich. (AP) — Unless the state demands more rigorous safeguards from oil companies, says a prize-winning wildlife biologist, the kind of natural gas eruptions which plague this northern Michigan area inevi-

tably will crop up again. And, says Ford Kellum, the gas eruptions which led to the evacuation of this small community could have been avoided in the first place.

In laying the blame for the danger at the doorstep of the oil

industry—and the American Oil Co. specifically—the retired Department of Natural Resources biologist blasted Amoco for not immediately revealing an uncontrolled well and DNR officials for being "oil men."

Kellum, a resident of Traverse City, was named Michigan Conservationist of the Year in 1971 for his work in reforming the state's oil drilling regulations. And the geysers of mud and gas which have routed families, muddied streams and endangered wildlife make him mad.

Kellum makes no secret of the fact he believes the gas eruptions resulted from an Amoco Production Co. well four miles from Williamsburg which went out of control a week ago Sunday.

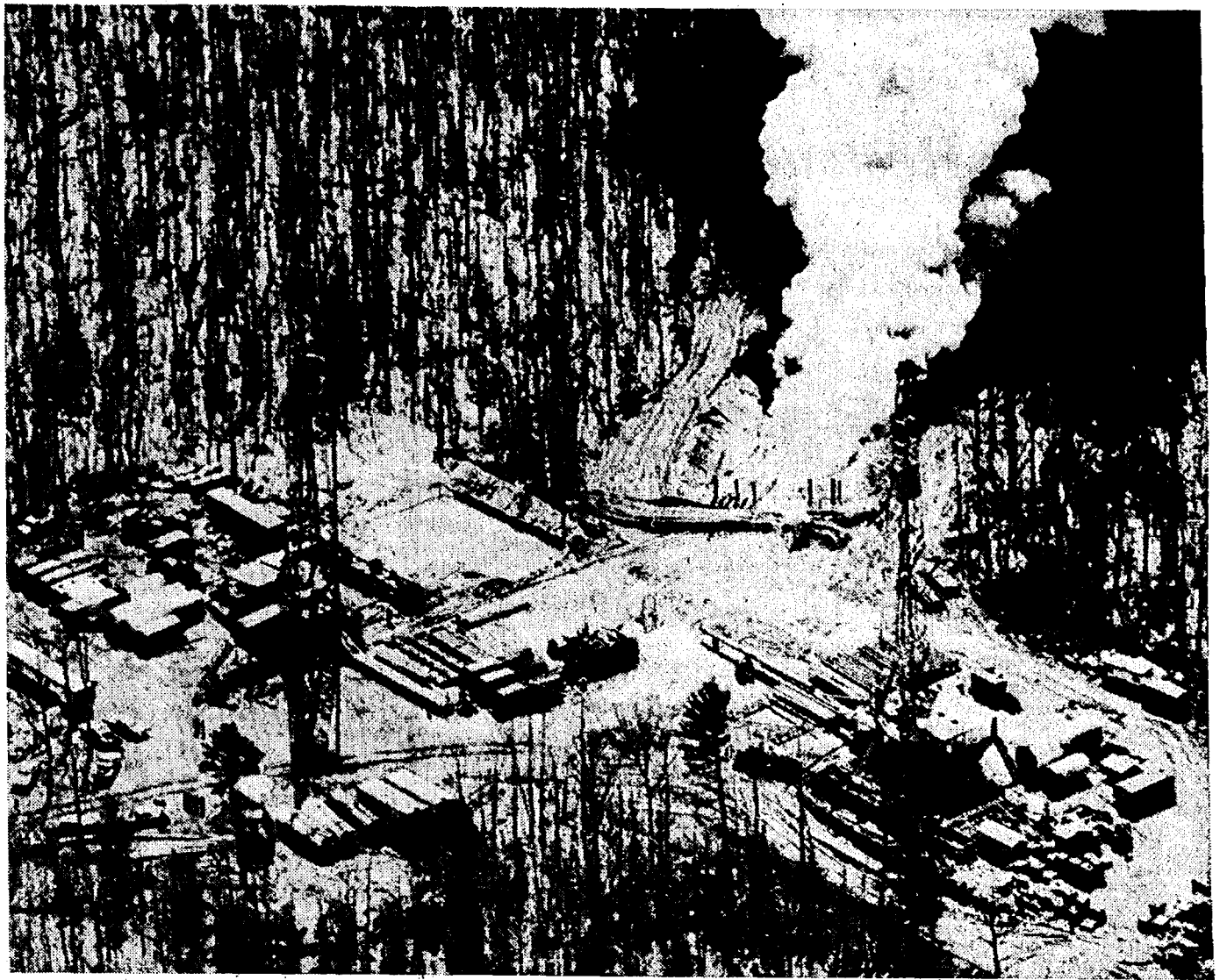
Experts have speculated that drilling operations, which broke out of the well shaft, permitted high-pressure natural gas to break into a horizontal geologic formation, travel miles toward Williamsburg, and surface through looser ground.

Amoco officials said Wednesday they had completed sealing the well to cut off the escape of gas into the rock formation. It is expected to take days, however, to determine whether the sealing will halt the problem.

Kellum said the use of metal casing in drilling would prevent gas from escaping from a well shaft, but said drillers don't install such casing because it is not required by the state and it is cheaper to avoid them.

"Most companies get by as cheaply as they can," commented Kellum. "If they don't get caught or forced into it by public pressure, they won't."

Kellum said he thought DNR drilling regulations are still insufficient to prevent accidents. "They say it won't happen again, but I say it has," he said, referring to a 1968 gas geyser near Battle Creek and a gas leak in 1971 from an underground limestone storage cavern in



PROBLEM GAS WELL: This aerial photo of Amoco Production Co. well I-22 shows "flared" or burned off gas (far right) pushed up by mud pumping operation designed to stop gas eruptions. The eruptions near Williamsburg created blowholes when leaking gas

escaped through porous rock formations pushing mud up through artesian wells and into streams and forcing evacuation of the town. Drillers said they have succeeded in sealing the well off. (AP Wirephoto)



JUST MARRIED: Actor Dean Martin and his new bride, model Catherine Mae Hawn, pose for pictures at a reception at the Beverly Hills Hotel Wednesday night shortly after they were married at the actor's Bel Air, Calif., home. Miss Hawn, 25, is wearing lilies of the valley in her hair. It's the third marriage for Martin, 55, and the second for Miss Hawn. (AP Wirephoto)

Floods Cause Huge Losses For Farmers

By NICK TATRO
Associated Press Writer

Floodwaters have inundated 10.4 million acres of land in seven states, officials say. They estimate damage to farm crops and businesses at \$193 million.

The rain-swollen Missouri punched holes Wednesday in 82 Central Missouri levees, including one near St. Louis that forced the evacuation of 600 mobile home residents at Boshetown, Mo.

Thousands of families from the Gulf of Mexico to the Great Lakes have been affected by the floods which have forced many to abandon their homes or lose their livelihoods.

The flood claimed two more victims Wednesday, raising the death toll to at least 10.

The body of George Thad Watts was found in St. Charles County, Mo., and authorities say he apparently drowned as he waded through flood waters to reach his trailer home.

In Illinois, Larry Wolfe, 23, of Havana drowned as he was bringing a boat filled with sandbags to shore up the Illinois River levee.

Maj. Gen. Charles Noble, who tallied the damage for the Mississippi River Commission at Vicksburg, Miss., said Louisiana and Arkansas had the most acreage under water — a combined total of 6.8 million acres.

Drenching rains, tornadoes, and hail pounded Arkansas Wednesday night and more than 200 persons fled their homes in North Little Rock where Mayor Robert L. Rosamond said the damage would exceed \$1 million.

In Baton Rouge, La., the Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation estimated flooding will cost state farmers more than \$69 million if conditions persist. Almost 300,000 acres of farmland are flooded in that Delta state, threatening crops of soybeans and sugarcane.

The Louisiana Conservation Department said the petroleum industry is losing \$300,000 a day.

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GOP Workers Mail 2,000 'Ballots'

Aide Admits Poll Stuffing

By JAMES E. WALTERS
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) —

Workers for President Nixon's re-election committee mailed in more than a third of the

favorable responses recorded in a local television poll last year of reaction to the mining of North Vietnamese waters, a campaign official said today.

DeVan L. Shumway, spokes-

man for the Committee for the Re-election of the President, said he didn't regard it as rigging the poll because "we felt the Democrats would do the same thing."

"That type of voluntary poll is the most stackable thing," he said. "When you're involved in an election, you do what you can. We assumed the other side would do the same thing."

The final result of the poll, as announced by Metromedia station WTTG, was 5,157 agreeing with Nixon's decision to mine Haiphong harbor and 1,158 disagreeing. When WTTG reported the results May 15, it said that it had received several thousand postcards that were of a suspicious nature because they apparently had been typed on the same typewriters. Shumway said "about 2,000 ballots and res-

ponses" were mailed by committee workers.

In other Watergate develop-

ments:

—Vice President Spiro T. Agnew told a news conference, "I want to make it very clear that I have full confidence in the integrity of President Nixon

and in his determination and ability to resolve the Watergate matter to the full satisfaction of the American people."

There have been published reports quoting unnamed associates and friends of Agnew

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Doctor Slain By Auto, Gun

JACKSON, Mich. (AP) — A Jackson physician, Dr. Cecil Tate, died Wednesday after being shot and then run over by a car as he was coming out of his office.

A Jackson County Sheriff's Department spokesman said a suspect, Ralph Thomas Grzesikowski, 26, was arrested and was to be arraigned this morning for the killing.

An autopsy was to be performed to see whether Tate died of gunshot wounds.

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New Buffalo To Vote On High School

NEW BUFFALO — Plans to submit a \$3.5 million bond issue request for a new high school to New Buffalo district voters June 11 were launched at a special school board meeting last night.

Supt. Walter Schwarz said, in addition, a \$500,000 bond issue request for a swimming pool at the proposed new school may be on the ballot as a separate proposition.

Board members last night voted to apply for permission from the Michigan Department of Education to hold the proposed bond issue vote.

Schwarz said he expects approval of the request in time for the school board to adopt official resolutions on a June 11 bond issue vote at its May 14 meeting.

New Buffalo district voters have not faced a bond issue request for school construction since five requests for new high schools were defeated between 1962 and 1967. The last request was defeated by 31 votes.

Schwarz said only property owners could vote then, whereas all registered voters are now eligible.

"This definitely will have an effect," he said. "I firmly believe the community is ready

to accept a building program."

The proposed high school would have an area of 105,000 square feet, with a maximum capacity of 850 students, the superintendent said. If approved, the building would hold about 650 ninth through twelfth graders immediately, he

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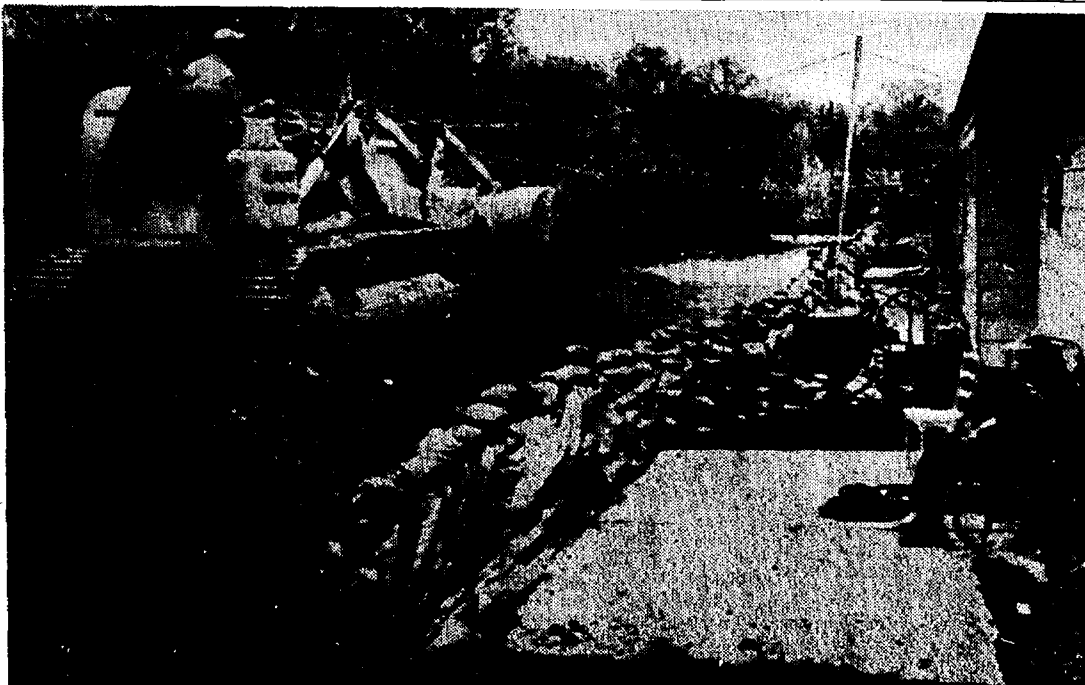
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BUILDING STRONGER FLOOD WALL: A bulldozer levels out top of rock and dirt dike built around a subdivision in Arnold, Mo. The sandbag wall that had been built was not holding back the water. Residents of the subdivision hopefully watch

the work of the dozer. High flood water on the Mississippi River is causing a backup of the Meramec River, along which Arnold sits. (AP Wirephoto)

Winning Numbers

PORT HURON, Mich. (AP) — The winning number in this week's Michigan lottery is 958-736.

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Editorial Page

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From Prison Reform To Jury Restructuring

May Day means different things to different people. Throughout much of the world, it's a holiday commemorating the international solidarity of workingmen. In the United States, May 1 is widely observed each year as Law Day.

For example, the Berrien County Bar Association will mark Law Day by joining with Twin Cities Rotary Club to present a program on prison reform. Principal speaker will be Atty. Arnold J. Hokin, Washington, D. C., assistant director of the American Bar Association's Commission on Correctional Facilities and Services.

The commission was appointed in 1970 upon suggestion of U.S. Chief Justice Warren Burger. Burger has been campaigning for reforms that would convert prisons from what he describes as schools for crime into true rehabilitation centers. He feels the need for conversion imperative, not only to salvage criminals but to preserve the rule of law in a nation increasingly threatened by violent crime.

Elsewhere in the nation, other topics will be discussed, and not the least of them America's jury system.

In essence, Law Day is supposed to be a rededication to the rule of law in the affairs of men and nations. Deeply rooted in the American concept of freedom under law is the role of government as protector of the individual citizen. At the heart of this concept is the system of justice, epitomized by the trial before a jury of one's peers (equals).

The jury system has become embroiled in controversy in recent years. In a decision handed down in

1970, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the right of states to use juries of less than 12 members—a number traceable to the Magna Carta—in felony trials. Then, in 1972, the court held that verdicts against defendants in state criminal courts need not be unanimous. At the time, only 14 states allowed juries of smaller size and only two, Louisiana and Oregon, allowed split verdicts in felony cases.

In neither decision did the court specify how small a jury could be or how closely the verdict could be split and still meet the constitutional guarantee of proof of guilt beyond a reasonable doubt before conviction. The unanimous verdict was retained for trials in federal court. Now it is a question for the individual states to decide whether they will retain existing jury requirements or change them. The Supreme Court probably will have to decide eventually whether the most drastic state jury trial reforms meet the constitutional tests.

If any clear pattern emerges from the current activity to re-examine and change the American jury system, it is that of making the administration of justice speedier, less costly, and more protective toward a society increasingly menaced by criminal acts. What is less clear is whether the changes will be gained at the price of eroding protection for the accused.

At the moment, most Americans probably feel sympathetic toward majority—rather than unanimous—jury decisions as a means of stemming crime. Lawyers and judges, remembering better the history of tyranny, probably are less inclined to move either swiftly or radically.

It's 100th Anniversary Of 'Wish You Were Here'

Those great and learned 17th and 18th century epistolarians would turn over in their graves if they could see what has befallen the art of letter writing. Pen and parchment have fallen a victim to mechanical gadgets like the telephone and telegraph, and even worse, perhaps, the postcard. The lengthy and thoughtful communications of men like Samuel Johnson and James Boswell have been replaced by mass-produced scenic views with just enough space on back to scribble: "Having a great time; wish you were here."

There is some question as to who originated the idea of postal cards. In 1861 a copyright for a private postcard was granted to John Charlton of Philadelphia. The copyright was transferred to H. L. Lipman, who, as early as 1870, printed and sold a plain message card with the inscription "Lipman's Postal Card." Heinrich von Stephan, first Postmaster General of the German Confederation, proposed the idea of postal cards to his government in 1865. The plan was not adopted at that time. But in 1867 Dr. Emanuel Hermann of the Vienna Military Academy wrote a letter to a Vienna newspaper suggesting such a card. Two years later the first Korrespondenz Karten appeared. In 1870 Prime Minister William E. Gladstone introduced the postal card to Great Britain.

According to postal officials, Tues-

day, May 1, will mark the 100th anniversary of the first U.S. postal card. Postmaster General John A. Crews, in his annual report of Nov. 15, 1870, called the attention of Congress to the use of postal cards in other nations and urged adoption of the system in this country. However, a bill proposing a postal card system was defeated by Congress after the majority argued that correspondence by such means would be too public. In the meantime, private postal cards were obtaining great favor with the public. Finally, in 1872, an amendment to the Postal Code authorizing the issuance of postal cards was adopted.

The first card printed in 1873 was three inches by five and one-eighth, light cream in color, with velvet brown printing. The one-cent stamp printed in the upper right corner bore a profile of the Goddess of Liberty. The one-cent domestic postal card rate continued in use up to Jan. 1, 1952. With the 1973 vacation season close at hand, the Postal Service is girding for another record year for postcards.

Synthetic Blood

Coincidentally with the shortage of blood plasma reported from several large cities, the Harvard School of Public Health announced some initial successes in a search for an artificial replacement for whole blood. The experiment so far involves only laboratory animals.

The researchers have been successful in removing completely the natural blood from white rats, replacing it with the artificial substance of fluorocarbons and industrial multifiers. The animal survived on the blood substitute for a week while its body gradually regenerated its own natural supply.

No ill effects were noted. The process has been repeated dozens of times on rats and the researchers have achieved similar initial successes with monkeys.

It must be emphasized that the technique requires much more study before it can be attempted on humans. Nor is the Harvard study the only one under way in this field.

The uses for a blood substitute are numerous. If the day should come when the effort moves from the laboratory to medical acceptance, it will be a momentous one for medicine.

The Unkindest Cut



GLANCING BACKWARDS

FOUNDRYMEN TO VISIT

— 1 Year Ago —

Foundrymen from around the world will be visiting two Twin Cities industrial plants on May 3.

Hosting the group will be Auto Specialties Manufacturing company of St. Joseph and Superior Steel Castings company of Benton Harbor. This visit will be one of several such visits being made at foundries located in Wisconsin and Michigan during the week of April 30 to May 7. These visits will be part of a two week stay in the United States for many of these international foundrymen.

HENRY TIPPETT RETURNS TO HEATH

— 10 Years Ago —

Henry H. Tippet, controller at Heath company from November, 1957 through June 1961, has returned to the newly created position of director of material management at the St. Joseph firm.

In this capacity Tippet will be responsible to the president of all phases of material management and control. Tippet, from June 1961 until his new appointment, was assistant corporate controller of Daystrom Incorporated, Murray Hill, N.J., the parent firm of the Heath Company.

YANK BOMBERS SMASH BRUNSWICK

— 29 Years Ago —

Brunswick, central German aircraft building center, came under the sights of 1,000 or so American planes today in the great and continuing air invasion of Europe, prelude to the real thing.

Today's assaults carried the pre-invasion aerial offensive — heaviest the world has ever seen — through the twelfth consecutive day.

NO POWER

— 39 Years Ago —

Electric power was cut off here for 40 minutes when a main switch and fuses in a main box on West Main street, Benton Harbor, blew out. Lights went out. Street cars stopped dead in their tracks, and all power appliances, from radios to linotypes, were silenced. Automatic traffic signals failed to function.

OPEN HOME

— 49 Years Ago —

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Donaldson who have been spending the winter in Tampa, Fla., have opened their home on the Lake Shore drive.

PLAN POSTS

— 59 Years Ago —

Plans for an ornamental incline approach on the Broad street hill to the new Pere station have been received by Alderman C.E. Dickinson, chairman of the street and alley committee. There will be eight ornamental posts up the incline for electric lights.

POPULAR STREET

— 83 Years Ago —

Main street is destined to be a popular and desirable business street, being wide and of even grade and a much traveled thoroughfare, more appropriate for street car service than State street. In our opinion the street car track, when laid on Ship street, should not extend beyond Main street and certainly not beyond State street west.

EDITOR'S MAILBAG

MISS ST. JOSEPH SAYS THANK YOU

Editor,

May I please have the opportunity to send a thank you? To everyone who has given of their time and talents to the Blossom festivities — a sincere thank you!

It has been my pleasure to benefit from all of your efforts, and I want everyone to know how much I appreciate the opportunity of participating in the Miss St. Joseph and Miss Blossom Pageants. It has been a marvelous and rewarding experience, and it is my hope that every girl who is eligible will take advantage of this meaningful event in future years.

Again — thank you to all responsible for providing me with the opportunity to capture these precious and lasting memories.

Susan Taylor,
Miss St. Joseph 1973

700 MOUNTIES

DAWSON CITY (AP) — During the wild days of the Klondike Gold Rush, up to 700 Mounties kept order in the Yukon.

Ray Cromley

Economic Future Plus For Saigon



WASHINGTON (NEA) — There is no reason South Vietnam should be a permanent millstone around the neck of the United States.

It's been hidden by the military news, but the base for an economic flowering in the South has been set, despite the war. Economic planning for the years ahead is already surprisingly well advanced.

There are steep obstacles ahead — the high cost of resettling refugees, the perennial problem of graft, the heavy drain of a large conventional army, the continued infighting of the North Vietnamese and Viet Cong.

But because the groundwork has been laid, given a little luck, some common sense in the way we invest our aid, an evacuation of North Vietnam troops from Cambodia and Laos, and a proper amount of peace in the cities and countryside, South Vietnam should be well on its way toward standing on its own feet within the next three to five years.

South Vietnam is potentially a rich country, as rich, say, as Taiwan, where the Nationalist Chinese Government is now independent economically, and prospering.

Consider these almost-miraculous steps which have gone largely unnoticed in the fighting and negotiations with Hanoi the past few years:

A generation of younger Vietnamese — government and business men skilled in economics and other technical fields have been quietly trained in Saigon and the United States this past six years. Tough, hard-nosed American friends used to dealing with the best financial men in the West say they can talk to these South

Vietnamese on equal terms.

Now "breeds" of rice, emphasis on fruit and vegetable farming, a successful hog program, a new attention to timber, a radically improved small-boat fishing fleet and better farming methods have begun to take hold after much fumbling, backsliding and war-caused interruptions. Despite last year's North Vietnamese Easter invasion and the fighting which followed, rice output may be a third to 40 per cent above 1966 to 1968.

In three years, 2.5 million acres (40 per cent of South Vietnam's rice land) have been distributed to three-fourths of a million tenant farmers. From the Japanese precedent, this should lead to major increases in farm production and to a slow but heavy investment in the land by farmers who will now own the land they till.

The farmer isn't out of the woods yet. The middlemen who control the marketing can squeeze him still. But he's on the way.

The largest gain of all has been the barely noticed flourishing of what, in perspective, is "cheap" credit for local farmers, who have historically been in perpetual bondage to loan sharks demanding and getting 50 per cent to 100 per cent on their loans. The current charges, often 25 per cent or more (necessitated by inflation and the need to lure local savings into the banks), are high by U.S. standards, but are so low in comparison with the past that they are already resulting in heavy boosts in investment in improvements by local farmers. And allowing many to live in some economic security for the first time in their lives.

Jeffrey Hurr

Cuts Bring Out Hawk In Teddy



The great thing about politics is that ever so often the connoisseur will be treated to a supreme esthetic pleasure. The entire spectacle suddenly justifies itself as high theater.

And it has happened again. For years now, Senator Edward Kennedy and assorted liberal politicians in Massachusetts have been lambasting the military-industrial complex, voting against defense expenditures, calling for a reordering of our priorities, and so forth — but, during the past several days, Kennedy and the rest of the Massachusetts doves have been coming on like Mendel Rivers, Henry Jackson, and Curtis LeMay. The reason: the Nixon Administration is planning to close five military installations in Massachusetts.

That shocking information brought Kennedy zooming up from Washington to declare his solidarity with the embattled workers of the Boston Navy Yard, an obsolete installation Kennedy found to be essential to the "national security." Those two words actually passed his lips — for the first time, so far as I can recall, in his public career. Indeed, Kennedy has been comporting himself like Horatius at the Bridge in a desperate effort to forestall the closing of Otis Air Force Base on Cape Cod, Westover Air Force Base near Springfield, and other facilities slated for the axe.

The dire news about the military cuts also abruptly terminated the grand tour of Southeast Asia in which doveish Senator Edward Brooke had been engaged. He was instantly on the phone from Saigon, burning up the wire to the Pentagon with a plea to hold everything, preparatory to streaking back to Washington to enter the fray. Brooke doesn't mind closing down bases in a war zone, like Southeast Asia, but beware: touch not the forts and castles in Massachusetts.

Or contemplate the circumstance of McGovernite Congressman Thomas P. O'Neill, the present House Majority Leader, who represents the 'doveish academic ghetto of Cambridge, Mass. Now the naive might think that if the McGovern movement meant anything at all it meant closing down military bases and cutting Pentagon spending. O'Neill labored mightily for George McGovern in Massachusetts. Yet here is O'Neill, pessimistic, to be sure, about the prospect of blocking the closings, but determined to do his best, and at the very least willing to fight a rear-guard action: "We don't know about the phasing out," he said in a radio interview. "It might take years." He also professed to have discerned great "historical significance" in the Boston Navy Yard.

Massachusetts, of course, was the only state in the nation to tender its electoral votes to McGovern, and therefore you might think that the citizenry would greet the news of the military cuts with hosannas. Quite the contrary.

BERRY'S WORLD



"Oh, yeh? Well, everything I eat has to be CHEMICALLY grown!"

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Highlights

ST. JOSEPH, MICH. THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 1973

Executives Are Switched At Whirlpool

Whirlpool Corp. has announced major changes in its financial personnel lineup with four men assuming new positions.

Leo R. Montgomery was elected corporate controller and Richard F. Koch elected corporate secretary by Whirlpool's board of directors at the April 25 meeting, according to John H. Platts, chairman of the board.

Montgomery was formerly



LEO R. MONTGOMERY
Corporate Controller



RICHARD F. KOCH
Corporate Secretary



JOHN HUNTER
Trust Fund Director



RICHARD C. WARD
Laundry Group Controller

NO GOOD BIDS
CHICAGO (AP)—Pick Hotel Corp. said Wednesday no acceptable bids were offered at an auction of the firm's Pick-Fort Shelby Hotel in Detroit.

controller for Whirlpool's Laundry group. Prior to his assignment there in 1970, he served as director of corporate financial analysis and forecasting for five years. He has also served in management positions in finance since joining the company in 1951 as an accountant.

Koch joined Whirlpool in 1965 as corporate attorney, and was named assistant secretary and assistant general counsel in 1967. Prior to joining Whirlpool, Koch was a partner in a St. Louis, Mo., law firm, and also was a certified public accountant in a national firm of CPAs.

Koch holds degrees from Washington university, St. Louis, and the University of Michigan Law school.

John Hunter, an assistant treasurer with Whirlpool, was named director of trust fund administration. He was previously corporate controller.

Hunter joined Whirlpool in 1948 as a general accountant, in 1951 was named chief accountant at the LaPorte, Ind. division, and in 1953 was named controller for the division. He became assistant treasurer and corporate controller in 1968.

Richard C. Ward will succeed Montgomery as Laundry Group controller, and was formerly controller of the St. Joseph division.

Ward joined Whirlpool as an accounting trainee in 1961, and later served as internal auditor, financial analyst, and supervisor of distribution accounting for the corporate group.

He was named assistant controller at the St. Paul, Minn. division in 1967, controller a year later, and transferred to the St. Joseph division as controller in 1971.

Job Bonanza Ends In '74 For Berrien

Berrien County Coordinator Roger Petrie had good news and bad news on the federal Emergency Employment Act for Berrien county cities, townships and other agencies Wednesday.

The good news: EEA will pump \$996,384 into jobs in Berrien between now and June 30, 1974.

The bad news: EEA ends June 30, 1974, much later than expected but a final nonetheless.

Petrie made his presentation Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the courthouse, St. Joseph, to representatives from among 18 Berrien county municipalities, schools, county road commission and Berrien General hospital.

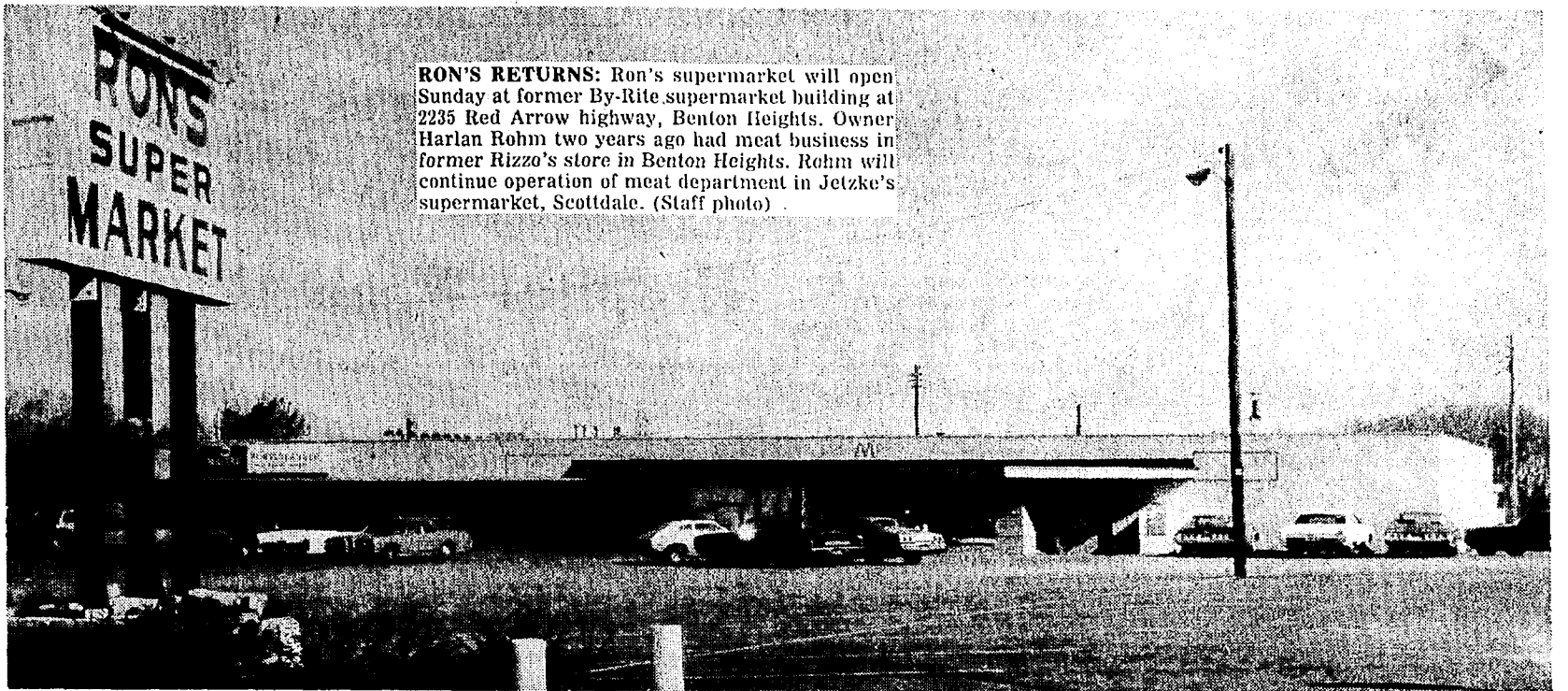
The federal emergency employment program started in August, 1971, and presently accounts for some 136 jobs in Berrien county. The subagents in Berrien are to begin a "planned phase-out" of EEA jobs between now and June 30, 1974, to prevent a mass dumping of former EEA employees when the cutoff takes effect, Petrie reported.

Subagents must first try to find other jobs for EEA employees and at last resort lay them off with a minimum of two weeks' notice, he said.

The subagents' planned phase-out must be presented in writing to Petrie by May 3 so they can be compiled and sent to the U.S. Department of Labor office in Chicago for approval and funding.

Berrien county in total has tentatively been awarded a final \$1,037,000 for EEA, minus \$41,516 to county government in administrative charges on behalf of local units, Petrie said.

The final allocations to subagents, based on labor department criteria using EEA employees on hand in March,



RON'S RETURNS: Ron's supermarket will open Sunday at former By-Rite supermarket building at 2235 Red Arrow highway, Benton Heights. Owner Harlan Rohm two years ago had meat business in former Rizzo's store in Benton Heights. Rohm will continue operation of meat department in Jetzke's supermarket, Scottsdale. (Staff photo)

Grocery Will Open In Benton Heights

The former By-Rite supermarket on Red Arrow highway in Benton Heights, closed early this year by Jack McIntosh, a 20-year veteran in the business, will be reopened Sunday by Harlan Rohm, who has 21 years of experience behind him.

The store will be named Ron's supermarket, a familiar meat and grocery name in the area.

Rohm, 46, who operates the meat business at Jetzke's supermarket, South M-139, Scottsdale, will continue in that location, as well as in the Benton Heights store.

Rohm said he has secured a 10-year lease from McIntosh on

the Benton Heights store. The building, owned by McIntosh, also includes a coin laundry. Rohm is not involved in this.

The new location at 2235 Red Arrow, is actually a homecoming for Rohm, who leased the meat business in the former Rizzo store, just west of the new Ron's, in Benton Heights for two years.

Rohm said his supermarket will carry a full line of groceries, as well as meat. His basic grocery supplier is Scott Lad.

The Benton Heights store is expected to employ about 17 persons, said Rohm. The Scott-

dale meat business has eight.

Rohm will be open seven days a week — 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday and 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. weekdays, including Saturday. Rohm said an open house is planned in about two weeks, sometime after the Blossomtime activities.

Rohm expects to be at the Benton Heights store fulltime, with his wife, Maurine. He said a son, Mark, 22, will manage the Scottsdale store, while another son, Bill, 25, will be at Benton Heights.

Natives of Kalamazoo, Rohm and his wife began their first meat selling business at Hartford in 1952. They were there for six years, and Rohm also operated a slaughter house. In 1958, they sold this business and acquired a small grocery store at Watervliet. This also was a six-year venture. The Rohms then located the meat business at Benton Heights for two years, when Rizzo's closed.

Rohm located at Scottsdale in 1971. He said he owns the building occupied by his market and Jetzke's.

McIntosh entered the real estate sales business this year.



STOCKING UP: Harlan Rohm and his wife, Maurine, are busy stocking shelves at their new supermarket in Benton Heights. Store will open Sunday with full line of groceries and meats and be open seven days a week. (Staff photo)

Berrien Deadline Monday For '70 Delinquent Taxes

Owners of Berrien county property with delinquent taxes for 1970 and earlier have until next Monday to pay off and avoid the annual May 1 tax sale.

Berrien Treasurer William C. Heyn announced Wednesday

that the sale starts at 10 a.m. Tuesday in the commissioners' third-floor room of the courthouse, St. Joseph.

He estimated tax obligations for 700 to 800 parcels will be offered for sale. Some 1,733 par-

cels were delinquent but through Wednesday some 700 had taxes paid, he reported.

Owners can keep their property taxes off the May 1 sale by appearing in Heyn's office and paying the tax plus penalty and interest. If they pay off after the sale, the tax and penalty are the same but interest is higher.

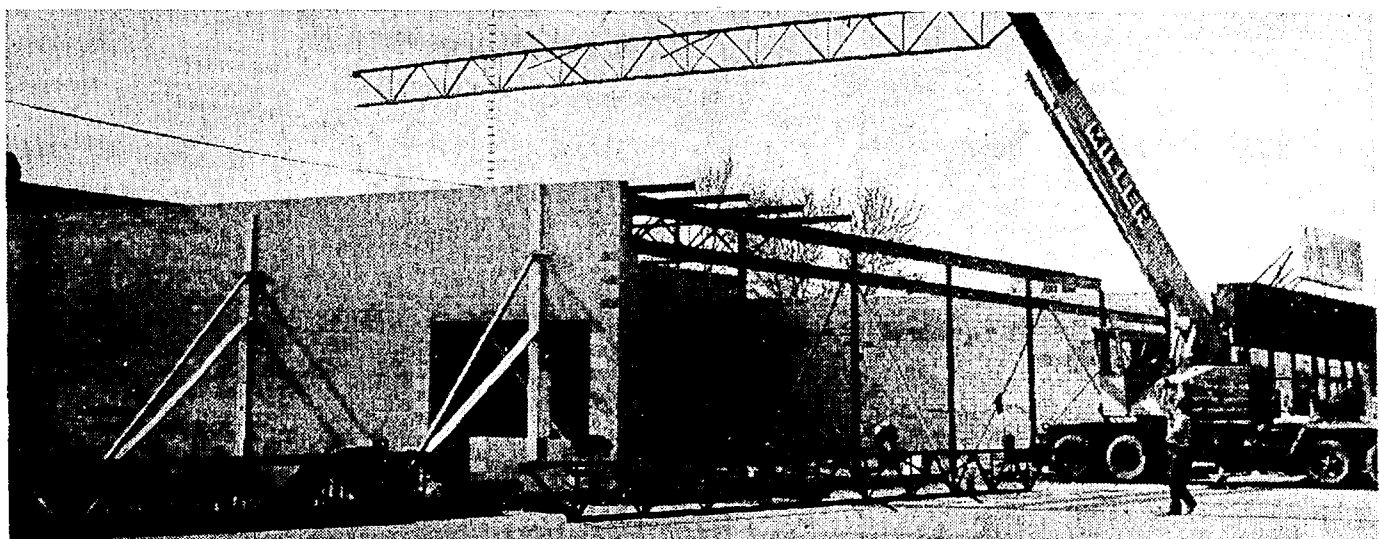
Area residents and some commercial firms with cash to spare annually appear May 1 to buy back taxes and turn a profit on interest when the owner eventually pays the tax off.

Some think they can buy the taxes and eventually acquire ownership of the property, but this is uncommon, Heyn said.

Jackson College Awarding Degree To Benton Man

Raymond Jordan, of 1086 Hall street, Benton township, is one of 218 persons scheduled to receive degrees at commencement exercises May 2 at Jackson Community college in Jackson.

Jordan is scheduled to receive an associate degree in applied arts and science-business.



NEW STORES GO UP AT PLAZA: Crane hoists girder into place during construction of two new stores on west side of Fairplain Plaza. Scheduled to open June 15 are a Circus World Toy store and a Playback, Inc., Stereo and Hi-Fi shop. Circus World will be a franchise operation owned by Michael and Betsy Senecal.

Playback, Inc., will be owned by its Chicago parent company. Big Boy restaurant, another new enterprise at the Plaza, is scheduled to open next month. Big Boy is at the corner of M-139 and Napier avenue at the shopping center in Benton township. (Staff photo)

'Kindergarten Roundup' Is Friday In Lakeshore

Annual "Kindergarten Roundup" for Lakeshore public schools is scheduled from 1 to 4 p.m. Friday, May 4, in Baroda.

Hollywood, Roosevelt, Stevensville and Stewart elementary schools. Parents whose children will be entering

kindergarten in the fall should bring child's birth certificate to the registration session. A child who will be age five by Dec. 1 is eligible

for enrollment. School officials said it is not necessary that children attend.

Van Buren Valuation Keeps Pace With State Average

BY STEVE McQUOWN

Paw Paw Bureau
PAW PAW — Van Buren county's state equalized valuation of taxable property increased about 12 per cent in 1973 over 1972, and that's just

about what the state predicts as an average growth, according to Richard Raymond, the county's equalization director. Raymond commented on the county's SEV after county commissioners approved the

1973 report showing a county SEV of \$264,029,522, an increase of about \$28,340,704 over 1972.

The SEV is the base, which when multiplied by an area's tax rate, provides the amount of

tax revenue that can be expected for the coming year.

Raymond said that some townships experienced growth while other smaller increases in SEV reflects updating of assessments on present and older property.

Largest increase was in Covert township where the SEV was up by nearly 30 per cent, a reflection, Raymond said, of the increasing value of the power plant in the township owned by Consumer's Power Company.

The township now carries about 22 per cent of the value of all the county's real estate and nearly 14 per cent of the personal property taxed in the county.

On the other end of the ladder, South Haven city had an increase of 3.77 per cent in its SEV.

The modest increase reflects a slowed-down construction rate, fewer adjustments in assessments and the tax exemption of some anti-pollution construction in industry, Raymond said.

Here is a list of state equalized valuations by townships and cities, with the 1973 figure first followed by the 1972 figure in parenthesis and the percentage of increase over a year ago.

Townships: Almena \$6,270,757 (\$5,465,310) 14.7; Antwerp \$19,546,345 (\$18,213,845) 7.31; Arlington \$5,434,672 (\$5,038,613) 7.86; Bangor \$5,950,410 (\$5,407,885) 10; Bloomingdale \$6,404,504 (\$5,058,404) 5.71; Columbia \$6,565,397 (\$6,227,660) 5.42; Covert \$41,819,554,352,192 (\$41,819,100) 29.96; Decatur \$12,047,583 (\$11,191,787) 7.64; Geneva \$6,923,555 (\$6,359,517) 8.86; Hamilton \$4,366,553 (\$3,875,814) 12.66; Hartford \$12,138,483 (\$10,426,290) 16.42; Keeler \$12,395,848 (\$11,637,538)

8.23; Lawrence \$8,321,750 (\$7,914,189) 5.14; Paw Paw \$25,847,785 (\$24,181,367) 6.89; Pine Grove \$5,786,119 (\$5,067,234) 14.18; Porter \$8,206,724 (\$7,520,032) 9.13; South Haven \$13,894,572 (\$12,703,073) 9.37; and Waverly \$4,989,720 (\$4,447,158) 12.20. Cities: Bangor \$7,351,420 (\$6,646,265) 10.6; Gobles \$2,213,555 (\$2,099,457) 5.43; Hartford \$6,576,511 (\$6,169,996) (\$6,169,996) 6.58; South Haven, \$28,245,077 (\$27,218,483) 3.77.

Building Workers Talks In Deadlock

With the contract scheduled to expire next Monday, negotiations were reported deadlocked between Construction Laborers and the Southwestern Michigan Contractors association, according to a union official.

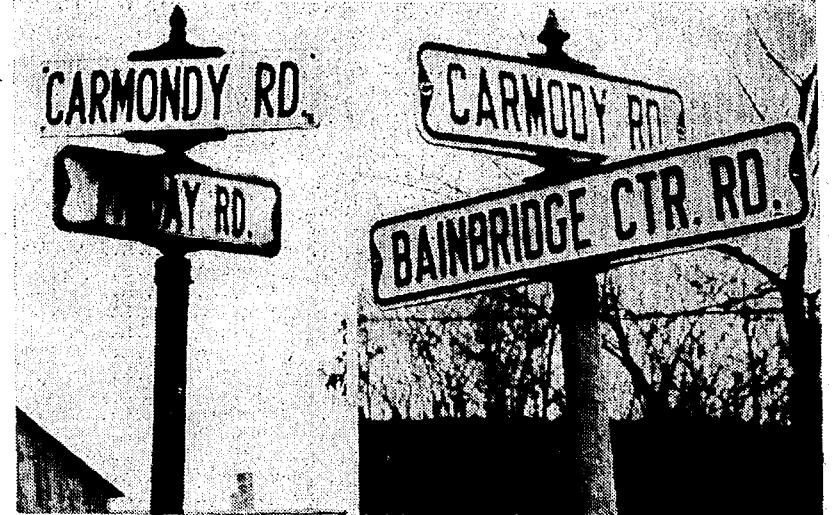
Tim King, business manager of Local 819, Benton Harbor, said members of this local voted last week to strike if an agreement on a new contract is not reached by the expiration date.

The negotiations are interlocking involving other locals in Kalamazoo, Battle Creek, Grand Rapids and Muskegon. A total vote of the locals decides contracts and strikes.

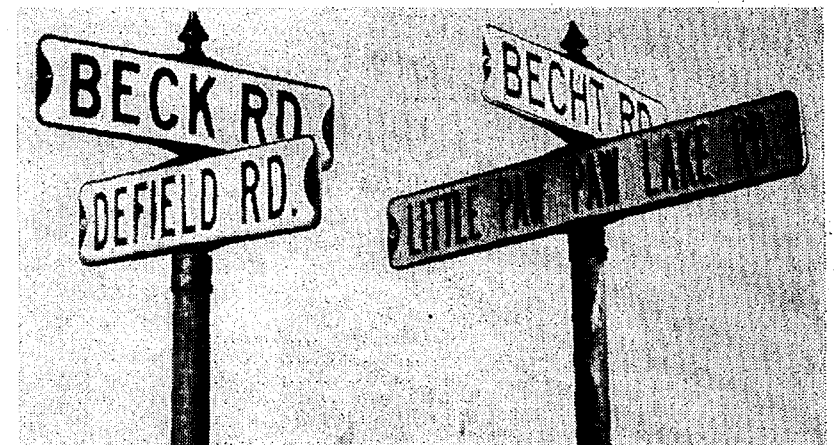
King said Wednesday the locals are awaiting further meetings with contractors' representatives, federal and state mediators.

Money is the key to the contract standoff, according to King. He said laborers have formally asked for a 7.2 per cent wage hike to meet increasing living costs. King added the contractors have not accepted this, and have asked that there be no wage hikes until April 30, 1974.

The Benton Harbor-based local has a membership of 557.



TAKE YOUR PICK: Spelling of Carmody road sign at Friday road will be changed, taking out the letter "N" to correct the name, according to Heath Calvin, Berrien county road commission engineer-manager. Correct spelling is Carmody, shown by sign at intersection with Bainbridge Center road about 1.2 miles away. (Cliff Stevens photos)



GLIMPSE INTO HISTORY: Difference in spelling on Beck road signs in Coloma township apparently is result of aging sign, according to Heath P. Calvin, engineer-manager of Berrien county road commission. Beck is current spelling, according to official county road map, Calvin said, but county also has older maps where road was labeled Becht road. Some signs have been up 20 or more years, he said. The Becht spelling at Little Paw Paw lake road intersection will be changed, Calvin said. (Cliff Stevens photos)

Grand Mere Cleanup Day Is Saturday

Fourth annual Grand Mere cleanup day starts 9 a. m., Saturday, April 28 and provides the perfect way to fulfill an "Earth Week" responsibility.

Dr. John Sharon, general chairman of the Grand Mere cleanup campaign, urged both individuals and members of organizations to gather at Lincoln township's North Lake park Saturday morning. Plastic bags will be distributed and

cleanup teams assigned to various areas of the Grand Mere area.

The cleanup day is in preparation for the annual Grand Mere hike scheduled for Sunday, May 6.

Grand Mere association officials said there is an added bonus for workers Saturday—many wild flowers are in bloom, weeks ahead of schedule.

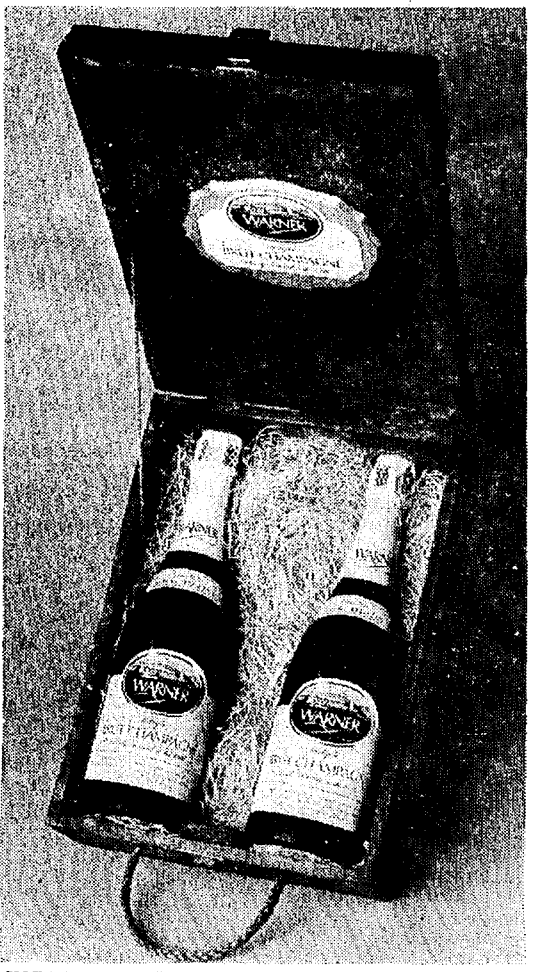
Paw Paw Winery Is Award Winner

KALAMAZOO — Michigan Wineries has been named Region 9 winner of the Agricultural Development division in the Michigan Product of the Year competition.

The Paw Paw winery won the division championship for Warner's Michigan Brut Champagne. This limited edition champagne, the result of over 200 hand operations and two years of careful aging, represents a major breakthrough in Michigan wine development. As the first and only fermented-in-the-bottle champagne produced in the Midwest, Warner's Michigan Brut Champagne is individually numbered to assure it meets the highest standards of quality as set by all wine connoisseurs.

First place in the Consumer Product of the Year competition went to the Middle Earth company of Kalamazoo for a new game on the market called "Chutzpah - My Son The Doctor." The entry is actually two games in one package.

The Kallie Scientific Instrument company, also of Kalamazoo, entered the winning product in the Non-Consumer Product of the Year category. The winning entry, a Bureales Hi-Shear Viscometer is now being used extensively in the chemical, pharmaceutical, paper and food processing industries for measuring the viscosity (flow properties) of various liquids. Judges for the regional



FIRST PLACE: Awarded first place as the Agricultural Development of the Year in Region 9 was this entry from Michigan Wineries of Paw Paw. Warner's Michigan Brut Champagne was judged by the selection committee as having been the most significant new development in agriculture during the past year.

competition were: Fran Harding of WKZO-TV's Accent show; Dan Ryan, Editor of the Kalamazoo Gazette; and Francis Hamilton, senior vice president of The First National Bank and Trust Company of Michigan. Region 9 of Michigan Week is made up of Kalamazoo, St. Joseph, Cass, Van Buren and Berrien counties.

Farmers Facing Higher Fuel Bills

By Associated Press

Michigan farm cooperatives, like other bulk gasoline purchasers, are beginning to feel the pinch of tightening gas supplies.

Farmers won't run out of gas, but they may be forced to start buying from gas stations at higher prices — a cost that is likely to be passed on to the consumer in increased food bills.

Kenneth Harvey, vice president of operations Services at the Michigan Farm Bureau, said, "Things are going to be extremely tight" this spring for farmers using gasoline-powered equipment.

Users of diesel fuel, which virtually is interchangeable with heating oil, won't have any problem until next fall when the heating season begins, he added.

"We've received calls all day for the past several days from farmers and some cooperatives all over the state," Harvey said. "Most of them were asking where they could get gasoline or why the price they have been paying has gone up."

The farm bureau is a statewide cooperative. Its membership includes 10,000 farmers and some local farm cooperatives.

Harvey said he is not overly concerned about the fate of this year's crop.

"If we set priorities and watch how the gasoline is used, I think all the crops will get planted," he said.

Other bulk purchasers of gasoline, including the city of Detroit and the state of Michigan, recently reported serious difficulties in making large buys.



LIONS AWARD: Joseph Kelly, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Kelly, Kinst road, New Buffalo, is winner of New Buffalo Lions club \$500 scholarship. A senior at New Buffalo high school, Kelly plans to enroll in fall at Northern Michigan university, Marquette.

St. Joe Retiree On SBA Council

Robert J. Criddle, Jr., a retired Whirlpool executive has been appointed to the Small Business Administration's Detroit District Advisory Council.

U.S. Rep. Edward Hutchinson said the appointment was made by Thomas S. Kleppe, SBA chief administrator in Washington.

The Detroit District Advisory council is composed of 30 members who meet twice a year to give the SBA guidance on policy matters.

The non-salaried council also plays an important role in encouraging banks to participate in SBA-guaranteed loans to businesses. Ninety-five per cent of the money SBA approves for

loans is from the private sector. Kleppe also extended an invitation to Criddle to join SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives), a voluntary group, sponsored by SBA, which counsels owners of small businesses.

Nationally, SCORE is composed of some 4,000 retired executives from practically every type of business and industry, who use their know-how to point out ways of more profitable and efficient operations.

Criddle retired a year ago as director of construction marketing for Whirlpool. He is a former Berrien county Republican chairman and



ROBERT J. CRIDDLE Named To SBA Council

member of the St. Joseph board of education. He and his wife live on Lake Shore avenue, Hagar township.

Berrien Springs Sewage Project Likely To Be Delayed Five Months

The Berrien county board of public works (BPW) learned Wednesday the planned completion of the Berrien Springs sewage plant expansion likely will be delayed some five months.

Ambu Patel, project engineer, told the BPW in the courthouse, St. Joseph, that the plant was to be finished the end of April but likely won't be completed until the end of September due to equipment deliveries and design changes requested by the state health department.

A change order to effect an extension of contract and allow a late finish is expected to be presented to the BPW in the near future.

The BPW approved one change order for Patel's job, \$25,113 to add 400 square feet to the plant's laboratory at state health department request.

In other actions Wednesday, the BPW: —Voted to spend not more than \$5,000 with Kovian and

McMurray of St. Joseph for an audit and to devise a uniform accounting system.

—Voted to offer the \$15,000-plus county engineer's job to an out-of-state engineer, but asked that his name be kept confidential until he affirms.

—Heard Hanumanthaiya Marur, chief engineer for Kraft Engineering, report the Watervliet township sewage collection system's construction will cost \$3,770,606.60, or 2.9 per cent over the original contract estimate. But that's still \$50,364 less than the original estimate plus \$160,000 in contingencies.

—Okayed Change Order No. 17 for the Hickory Creek sewer interceptor to permit Yerington & Harris to demuck and replace with sand some 10,000 cubic yards—at an estimated extra cost of \$46,700—on the route across proposed I-94 business loop in St. Joseph township.

Annual Sodus Cleanup To Be Held Saturday

More than 100 volunteer adults and students are expected Saturday, April 28, for the annual Sodus township clean-up.

Cochairmen of the project, sponsored by the township board, are John Murray and George Kamradt.

Murray said drivers and helpers will report to the township hall at 8 a.m. for route assignments covering all roads in the

township. He said the project is expected to be completed before noon, when a lunch donated by the Mt. Pleasant-Bayview club will be served to workers in the township hall.

In connection with the clean-up project, Murray said, the Mt. Pleasant-Bayview club also is sponsoring a poster contest for school children.



HOME HUNTING: These puppies don't know where they came from, but they know where they would like to go — right into homes with lots of tender loving care. They are purported to be a mixture of Cocker Spaniel and something else. The Berrien Humane Society shelter, 641 South Crystal avenue, Benton township, frequently receives puppies without pedigrees who make faithful pets when adopted. (Staff photo)